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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Griego DATE TYPED 2/23/05 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Separate State Division for PRC Commissioners SB 783

ANALYST Wilson

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			Minimal		

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Attorney General's Office (AGO)

Department of Finance & Administration (DFA)

Public Regulation Commission (PRC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 783 amends the Public Regulation Commission Act to add to the organizational units that make up the PRC. A commissioner division will be created. Presently, the Commissioners and their assistants are part of the existing administrative services division. In all, the PRC now has six divisions. Also, this bill provides that the new division will include one assistant for each commissioner to address administrative functions.

#### Significant Issues

The DFA provides the executive and legislative branches the option to separately budget the expenses of the PRC commissioners and provide better accountability for their expenses. In the past, PRC allocated parts of its program-related budgets to pay for the expenses of the commissioners.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There would be some minimal internal costs to the PRC associated with creating and administering a new division.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

DFA believes the bill will clarify the budget and staff that is available to and accountable by the commissioners.

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